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SUBJ: CANADIAN ASSISTANCE TO POPULATION AND
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1. CANADIAN INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY (CIDA) HAS
IN PAST FIVE YEARS TRIPLED ITS ALLOCATIONS TO POPULATION
ASSISTANCE THROUGH MULTILATERAL CHANNELS BUT HAS DONE VERY
LITTLE THROUGH BILATERAL PROGRAM.

EXPENDITURES FOR POPULATION ACTIVITIES

FY	BUDGET	BRANCH	BRANCH	DIVISION
-----IN MILLIONS-----				

1972-73	507.0	3.0	VERY SMALL	NONE
1973-74	588.0	4.6	AMOUNTS	.13
1974-75	742.0	5.7	"" ""	NONE
1975-76	903.2	7.5	"" ""	.125
1976-77	1,417.0	9.2 EST.	1.0 EST.	.125 EST.

FOLLOWING IS FUNDING BREAKDOWN FOR MULTILATERAL ORGANIZATIONS:

FY	UNFPA	IPPF	WHO
----IN MILLIONS----			

1973-74	2.0	1.50	1.15
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1974-75 2.5 2.00 1.25

1975-76 3.5 2.50 1.50
1976-77 5.0 2.75 1.50

NO FURTHER FUNDING PROJECTIONS AVAILABLE.

2. TO DATE CIDA HAS FUNDED ONLY TWO BILATERAL PROJECTS. A THREE-YEAR PROGRAM IN BANGLADESH TO INVOLVE RURAL POPULATION IN FAMILY PLANNING FOR TOTAL EXPENDITURE OF C\$2 MILLION OVER A THREE-YEAR PERIOD AND A CELADE (CHILE) C\$1.6 MILLION THREE-YEAR PROGRAM OF EXCHANGE AND COOPERATION OF ACADEMICS AND STUDENTS IN DEMOGRAPHIC RESEARCH AND TRAINING. CIDA IS CURRENTLY REVIEWING PLANS FOR ADDITIONAL BILATERAL ACTIVITIES FOR SOME OF ITS 38 "PROGRAM" COUNTRIES. HOWEVER, GIVEN ITS LIMITED EXPERTISE AND ITS STRONG PREFERENCE FOR MULTILATERAL PROGRAMS, NO DRAMATIC INCREASE IN BILATERAL ASSISTANCE SHOULD BE ANTICIPATED.

3. IN ADDITION TO CIDA, THE INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT RESEARCH CENTER (IDRC) IS ACTIVE IN THE FAMILY PLANNING AND POPULATION FIELD. IN FY 74-75, IDRC ALLOCATED FUNDS AMOUNTING TO C\$3,675,000 FOR POPULATION RESEARCH ACTIVITIES IN NIGERIA, SENEGAL, MALI, SINGAPORE, MALAYSIA, INDIA, THAILAND, PHILIPPINES, COLOMBIA, CHILE, BOLIVIA.

4. CANADIAN PRIORITIES TEND TO FOCUS ON DEVELOPMENT OF DEMOGRAPHIC DATA, TRAINING PROGRAMS AND INFORMATION, EDUCATION AND COMMUNICATIONS PROGRAMS.

5. CIDA SHARES OUR INTEREST IN BIOMEDICAL RESEARCH AS EVIDENCED BY ITS ANNUAL CONTRIBUTION TO EXPANDED RESEARCH PROGRAM OF WHO. IT IS FURTHER EXPLORING POSSIBILITIES FOR HEALTH/NUTRITION/FAMILY PLANNING SERVICES AS PART OF BILATERAL RURAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS.

6. ONLY FULL-TIME STAFF ON POPULATION ASSISTANCE (AND HEALTH) ARE DR. CHARLES NOBBE AND DR. C.W.L. JEANES. UNDER GUIDANCE OF PETER KILBURN, DIRECTOR OF UN PROGRAMS DIVISION, ALL MULTILATERAL ACTIVITIES OF UNFPA, IPPF, WHO AND IUSSP ARE MONITORED. BILATERALLY, CIDA IS ORGANIZED ON GEOGRAPHIC BASIS BY DIVISION, REGION AND COUNTRY UNDER UNCLASSIFIED

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SUPERVISION OF NEIL OVEREND, VICE PRESIDENT OF BILATERAL BRANCH. NO POPULATION/FAMILY PLANNING SPECIALISTS ARE ASSIGNED TO SPECIFIC COUNTRY OR REGIONAL PROGRAMS.

7. GOC'S STRATEGY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION 1975-80 CALLS FOR A MORE FOCUSED PROGRAM IN FIVE KEY AREAS OF DEVELOPMENT, ONE OF WHICH IS PUBLIC HEALTH AND DEMOGRAPHY. THE STRATEGY PAPER CALLS FOR PARTICULAR

EMPHASIS ON ACTION PROGRAMS ARISING FROM THE WORLD
POPULATION CONFERENCE HELD IN BUCHAREST.

8. IN GOC'S VIEW, UNFPA HAS SHOWN SOME IMPROVEMENT, BUT
REMAINS OVERBURDENED WITH PROGRAM REQUESTS AND NEEDS TO
ESTABLISH CLEARER PRIORITIES. IPPF LACKS LOGIC AND RATIONALE
FOR PROGRAMS AND REQUIRES MORE ACCOUNTABILITY TO DONORS.
ITS REPORTS ARE CONSIDERED TOO COPIOUS AND LACKING
IN EVALUATION. WHO PROGRAMS REQUIRE BETTER RECEIPTIVITY
BY RECIPIENT COUNTRIES AND MORE RESEARCH IN THE FIELD. AMONG
NGO'S, FAMILY PLANNING FEDERATION OF CANADA IS MAJOR
RECIPIENT OF VERY LIMITED FUNDS ALLOCATED. CIDA CONSIDERS
NGO ACTIVITIES AS BEING TOO DISPERSED, LACKING IN
ACCOUNTABILITY AND FREQUENTLY INEFFECTIVE FIELD PROGRAMS.
AT PRESENT THERE IS NO COORDINATION BETWEEN NGO'S AND
BILATERAL PROGRAM ACTIVITIES.
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